



Jordan Cobblers Hill 2012

THE WINES OF  
**JORDAN**  
STELLENBOSCH



## BACKGROUND

*The Ultimate Expression of Jordan Terroir. A limited-release wine, honouring the Jordan family heritage as master cobblers.*

## LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

## APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

## SOIL

Decomposed granite (Hutton and Glenrosa soil form).

## ASPECT

West-facing, 220m above sea level.

## AGE OF VINES

20 years old.

## BLEND

43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38 % Merlot , 12% Cabernet Franc and 7% Petit Verdot.

## ANALYSIS

**Alc:** 14%

**Total Acid:** 5.6g/l

**pH:** 3.54

**Residual Sugar:** 2.1g/l

## TASTING NOTES

The palate is richly layered and intriguing with a variety of opulent flavours which includes Sichuan pepper and blackcurrants. The 24-month barrel ageing adds viscosity and a spicy finish.

## HARVESTING

Cabernet Sauvignon between the 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 at 23.6 - 23.8°B; Merlot between the 29<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 a 23.2 -25.0°B; Cabernet Franc on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 24.1°B; Petit Verdot on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 24.9°B.

## CLONES

Merlot: 192 & 36 on R110 rootstock; Cabernet Sauvignon: 27 & 14 on 101-14 rootstock; Cabernet Franc: 1D on R110 rootstock; Petit Verdot: PR8719A.

## WINEMAKING & MATURATION

Fermented in overhead retort-shaped, stainless steel fermentors at 28°C. Three pump-overs were done daily over the fermenting cap. After pressing, the wine was racked to barrel where it finished malo-lactic fermentation. A selection of the best barrels was made and the wine spent a total of 24 months in 225 litre French oak barrels.

## ACCOLADES

2011- Gold at 2014 UK Sommelier wine Awards

2010- Silver at Veritas Wine Awards

2010- Outstanding Gold at International Wine & Spirits

2009- Gold at 2013 Decanter Wine Awards

## FOOD SUGGESTION

Perfect with beef fillet, sirloin steak or veal cutlets.